

REMARKS

The Specification has been amended to correct some minor errors listed therein. The Claims have been amended to remove the multiple dependency of claim 12. Claims 1-15 are pending in this application.

Drawings

In Figures 13 and 15, the Box S13 was amended from $P_{ep,R} < TH_3$ to read as $P_{es,R} < TH_3$.

Conclusion

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Michael K. Mutter (Reg. No. 29,680) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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